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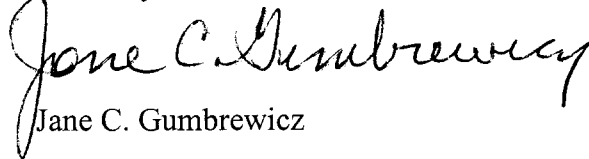
Re: Request for Records under Freedom Of Information Act
Reference No. F-1999-01980

Dear Ms. Dryer:

On September 13, 1999, Raymond B. Kim submitted a Freedom of information Act request to your office on behalf of Erwin Rautenberg. A copy of the original request (without attachments) is enclosed. In your letter of 29 February 2000 (attached), the request was accepted and the process started.

We have not had any communication with your office since the letter of February 29. Please confirm that the process has begun and estimate a time for completion of the request. You can contact me by telephone at 202-452-4877 or by mail at the address below with the information requested.

Sincerely,


Jane C. Gumbrewicz



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Mr. Jon W. van Horne
Greenberg Traurig
800 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20006

Reference: F-1999-01980

Dear Mr. Van Horne:

This is in response to your letter of 7 February 2000 pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from your client, Erwin Rautenberg, for records concerning the Air-Sea Forwarders case. Your letter responds to our 13 October 1999 letter in which we stated that we could search for the requested records, but that we would not proceed without a fee commitment. You state that "on behalf of Mr. Kim and Mr. Rautenberg, [you] are willing to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees,...[but request that we] provide [you] with prior notice in the event that [we] determine that such fees will exceed \$1,000.00." We also note your statement that Mr. Raymond B. Kim, signer of the 13 September 1999 request letter and then with Goldberg, Scott, Belfield, Steinberg & Cohen, is now with Greenberg Traurig.

Now that you have provided a fee commitment, we have accepted your request and placed it in the "all other" fee category. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our search will be for documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

The heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has created delays in processing. Since we cannot respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the FOIA, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however,

to have us continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and we will proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,

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Kathryn I. Dyer
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

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February 7, 2000

Kathryn I. Dyer
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Washington, D.C. 20505

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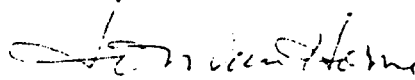
By letter of October 13, 1999, copy enclosed, you denied Mr. Kim's request for a fee waiver. By letter of October 29, 1999, copy enclosed, Mr. Kim requested an estimate of the fees. No response has been received to Mr. Kim's letter of October 29, 1999.

To facilitate the processing of the subject request, on behalf of Mr. Kim and Mr. Rautenberg, we are willing to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) and applicable regulations. Please provide me with prior notice in the event that you determine that such fees will exceed \$1000.00.

Kathryn I. Dyer
February 7, 2000
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In so agreeing, we do not waive our right to appeal the denial of our waiver request or the amount of fees ultimately charged.

Sincerely yours,



Jon W. van Horne

Enclosure: Three items of correspondence

cc: Mr. Erwin Rautenberg
Raymond B. Kim

Jon W. van Horne
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January 28, 2000

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cc: Mr. Erwin Rautenberg
Raymond B. Kim



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Raymond B. Kim
Goldberg, Scott, Belfield, Steinberg & Cohen
1925 Century Park East
Suite 2200
Los Angeles, California 90067

Reference: F-1999-01980

Dear Mr. Kim:

This acknowledges receipt of your 13 September 1999 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on behalf of your client, Erwin Rautenberg, for a list of **193 specific records pertaining to the "Air-Sea Forwarders Case."** Among the 193 line items are 39 entries for which you have provided redacted copies of documents and requested "unredacted" copies. Your request has been assigned the reference number above for identification purposes. Please refer to this number in future correspondence about this request.

We have determined that we can search for the records you have requested on behalf of your client. With regard to your request for a fee waiver, we have determined that disclosure of the requested documents will not contribute significantly to the public understanding of U.S. Government operations or activities. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied.

With regard to the determination of a fee category, the determination can turn on the use to which the requested information would be put, rather than on the identity of the requester. As it is not clear from your letter to what purpose any disclosed records would be put, we ask that you provide us such information so that we can make a fee category determination. We have enclosed a copy of our fee schedule for your guidance.

We will be unable to begin processing your request until you have provided the clarification requested above. Meanwhile, will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn I. Dyer', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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September 13, 1999

BY CERTIFIED MAIL

Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Re: *Request For Records Under Freedom of Information Act*

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written on behalf of Erwin Rautenberg to request the disclosure of copies of materials available from the Central Intelligence Agency under the Freedom of Information Act and the regulations of your agency, including, but not limited to, Code of Federal Regulation §1900, *et seq.* The documents requested are described in greater detail below in the "Addendum to Freedom of Information Act Request" attached to this letter.

Under present regulations and case law pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act, the below-described documents are available to Mr. Rautenberg and other members of the public. They are not exempt from required disclosure under present interpretations of the Act.

The Central Intelligence Agency is believed to have custody of the below-described documents. However, if the Central Intelligence Agency does not have custody of these documents, I hereby request that you provide me prompt notice of their present location so that a request for disclosure may be made to the agency holding these documents.

If any portion of this request is deemed denied, I request a detailed statement of reasons why the Central Intelligence Agency is withholding documents. I further request that the Central Intelligence Agency prepare an index or similar statement of the nature of the documents being withheld.

I hereby request that the Department of Justice furnish the requested records in complete and unredacted form. I further request, pursuant to the Act and 32 CFR §1900.13(b), that these records be furnished without charge or at a reduced rate because this request is in the public interest and is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations or activities of the United States Government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

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If no fee waiver or reduction is granted, the requester agrees to pay the reasonable charges incurred under regulation for the search and copying of the requested documents, upon presentation of an invoice along with the finished documents. If search and copying fees exceed \$500, please telephone me in advance at (310) 557-9700 for agreement to such charges.

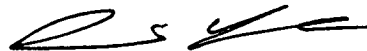
I look forward to hearing from you within twenty (20) working days with the documents requested.

Very truly yours,

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STEINBERG & COHEN

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RAYMOND B. KIM

Attachments

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bcc: Matthew S. Steinberg, Esq.
Erwin Rautenberg